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MEMORANDUM

To: School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors
From: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Services
Holly Mueller, Program Director
Arizona Department of Education, School Health & Nutrition Programs
Date: October 7, 2005
RE: Initial Carry-over of the Previous Year's Free and Reduced-Price Eligibility

This memo is to clarify the provision on the 30 day carryover into the next school year for free and reduced-price eligibility; and notify Local Education Agency (LEA) of upcoming changes.

Is the 30 day carry-over into the next school year mandatory?

No, currently the carryover is optional. This is stated in 7 CFR 245.6(c). "applications and documentation of the direct certification from the preceding year **may** be used to determine eligibility only during the 30 operating days following the first operating days at the beginning of the school year..."

***Note Change: In the school year 2006-2007 a mandatory 30 day carryover requirement will be made a rule by the USDA.**

Does an application which is determined to reflect a change in eligibility from the previous year supersede the 30 day carry-over eligibility?

Yes. As in the past, a new eligibility determination in the current year supersedes the 30 day carryover eligibility. For example, if a student is determined eligible for reduced-price for the new school year benefits, the free meal eligibility from the prior school year discontinues as soon as the household is notified of the new reduced-price eligibility.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health & Nutrition Program Specialist at 602-542-8700.

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